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their own purposes in providing a leadership qualified for the accentuated task.

The greater part of the raising of funds is done through the colleges directly, each of the larger schools and colleges canvassing its own district. A general annual educational offering is, however, taken throughout the church for educational purposes, being apportioned to the schools and colleges on a basis, more or less static, provided by the Convention itself.

The Educational Board is co-operating with the Forward Movement of the church in its five point, five year campaign, 20% of the revenue of which is to be secured to our educational interests. Three of our colleges are engaged in, or are soon to begin, a campaign for greatly enlarged endowments.

The colleges controlled by, or affiliated with, the American Christian Convention are: Elon College, N. C.; Franklinton Christian College (colored), N. C.; Starkey Seminary, Lakemont, N. Y.; Defiance College, Defiance, Ohio; Union Christian College, Merom, Ind.; Palmer College, Albany, Mo.; Jireh College, Jirah, Wyoming.

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### Congregational Education Society

FRANK M. SHIELDON, Secretary

Only one of the five departments of the Congregational Education Society is doing work of similar character to the work being done by the boards of other denominations composing the Council, viz.: The Institutions and Student Life Department.

The work under this department covers aid to colleges and academies and to special training schools for preparing Christian leaders, the support of and co-operation with Church Workers in State Universities, co-operation with our schools in developing the Christian life of their students, the effort to recruit Christian leaders and aid to students studying for the ministry and missionary service.

In 1919 effort will be made to strengthen the work in every possible particular. It is hoped that the State University work may be more systematically developed, and that the organization bringing together our own and the workers of other denominations in this field may be promoted and greatly strengthened.

This department will co-operate heartily with other boards of the Council in inducing and helping students who have been

in war service to complete their education. It is also greatly interested in the co-operative movement to enlist returning soldiers in Christian leadership.

The other four departments of the Education Society do work which we feel is inextricably interwoven with what we are trying to accomplish in our work with students. The educational program in home, church and school, whether the line be training our people in Christian life and for Christian service, in recruiting Christian leaders, missionary education, social service, or work with our young people's organizations, is a unit. Therefore, we endeavor to co-ordinate this work under this Board.

The aim of the Missionary Education Department is to put the missionary spirit and the interpretation of Christianity as essentially missionary at the very heart of our entire religious education process and program. To that end we seek to get the point of view on the part of our Sunday-school teachers and workers in colleges and other groups which thinks of the missionary impulse as central in Christianity. Thus all those who are trying to help our young people become Christian and interest them in Christian work will, through that very process, be making them missionary in spirit and attitude.

Then these same leaders should be provided with material which will enable them to make known the facts regarding missionary effort at home and around the world. In this way missions will be integrated in the entire educational program.

Our Social Service Department is essentially educational in nature, and has to do with the expression of our Christianity in all life-relations, social, civic, political, industrial, inter-racial and international. It stands for applied Christianity, and seeks to make clear to our constituency that there is no Christianity which is not applied. The purpose of this department is to help our churches develop the spirit and to know the methods whereby Christianity may permeate all phases of our life.

The Young People's Department treats the young people's program as an integral part of the entire program of religious education in the home, the local church, and the school. Effort for young people in the local church should be part of a unified religious education program in the local church. The work should be co-ordinated with and supplemental to the work done in the church school. Altogether the work done in the local church seeks to secure certain definitely desired results.

These four departments, together with the editorial department of The Congregational Sunday School & Publishing Society, which operates under the same Board of Directors and officers as the Congregational Education Society, and which department prepares our educational material of various kinds, get their program out to the local churches through the National Secretaries and nine District Secretaries operating through what is known as the Field Work Department. This department has charge of those District Secretaries and their work, and as intimated, its task is to carry this complete religious education program back to state, district, local church, home, and school.

Through this organization we have sought to bring together all our educational activities except schools that are owned and operated for backward races by the American Missionary Association. This means that the Congregational Education Society is more and more becoming the society to which the denomination and other boards look for the training of our own people in Christian life for Christian service, and for Christian leadership. Its work underlies the work of all our mission boards and is fundamental to the vital life of all our churches.

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## The Board of Education of the Disciples of Christ

R. H. CROSSFIELD, Acting General Secretary\*

The Board of Education of the Disciples of Christ is a new organization, and is just now reaching the stage when it may be expected to make an important contribution to the educational enterprises of the communion. Due to lack of adequate financial support, the Board hitherto has not seen its way to appoint a General Secretary, whose function it would be to develop the various interests of the organization.

However, at a recent meeting, President H. O. Pritchard, of Eureka College, Eureka, Ill., was appointed to this position. He will remove to Indianapolis the first of April, and assume the direction of the activities of the Board. Dr. Pritchard is a man of scholarly attainments, has enjoyed successful experience as a college administrator, and in an eminent degree possesses the qualifications necessary for such an important task.

From the beginning, with the exception of an Office Secretary, who could devote only part time to the Board, the work of our organization has been carried on by an Executive Com-

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\*See Directory at end of this issue.